

Amendment 783, 1334 has been moved to the category of Housing.

Amendments from State Administration: 13, 38, 101, 148, 204, 208, 237, 238, 331, 360, 484, 494, 553, 565, 600, 777, 783, 799, 927, 928, 1029, 1099, 1162, 1174, 1315, 1363, 1435, 1438

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Amendments from Housing: 10, 31, 35, 62, 123, 142, 191, 225, 262, 263, 286, 319, 333, 334, 345, 346, 373, 376, 377, 440, 449, 461, 467, 472, 547, 560, 574, 581, 622, 626, 627, 630, 667, 679, 680, 685, 687, 692, 695, 701, 702, 740, 773, 801, 815, 817, 819, 896, 917, 937, 993, 1002, 1037, 1041, 1042, 1050, 1055, 1068, 1069, 1140, 1143, 1148, 1158, 1183, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1212, 1237, 1239, 1245, 1250, 1259, 1307, 1334, 1357, 1358, 1364, 1390, 1419, 1426, 1444, 1496, 1529, 1556, 1559, and 1586

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop and others hereby move to amend H. 4900 in section 2 by striking out item 1108-5200 and inserting in place thereof the following item:—

1108-5200 For the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium and plan costs incurred in fiscal year 2007; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds in this item shall not be available during the accounts-payable period of fiscal year 2007, and any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2007; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance shall charge the division of unemployment assistance and other departments, authorities, agencies and divisions, which have federal or other funds allocated to them for this purpose, for that portion of insurance premiums and plan costs as the secretary determines should be borne by such funds, and shall notify the comptroller of the amounts to be transferred, after similar determination, from the several state or other funds and amounts received in payment of all such charges or such transfers shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that prior year costs incurred by self insured plans shall be funded from this item; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means the amounts expended from this item for prior year costs; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall obtain reimbursement for premium and administrative expenses from other agencies and authorities not funded by state appropriation; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may charge all agencies for the commonwealth's share of the health insurance costs incurred on behalf of any employees of those agencies who are on leave of absence for a period of more than 1 year; provided further, that the amounts received in payment for the charges shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that notwithstanding section 26 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the commission may negotiate, purchase and execute contracts before July 1 of each year for policies of group insurance as authorized by chapter 32A of the General Laws; provided further, that notwithstanding chapter 150E of the General Laws and as provided in section 8 of chapter 32A and for the purposes of

section 14 of chapter 32A, the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium for state employees who have retired before July 1, 1994 shall be 90 per cent and the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium for state employees who have retired on or after July 1, 1994 shall be 85 per cent; provided further, that the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium for active employees upon retirement shall be 85 per cent; provided further, that notwithstanding section 8 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, the commonwealth's share of the premiums for active state employees and their dependents who were hired before July 1, 2003 shall be 85 per cent of the premiums and rates; provided further, that the commonwealth's share of the premiums for active state employees and their dependents who were hired after June 30, 2003 shall be 80 per cent of the premiums and rates; and provided further, that the commission shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means by March 1 of each year of the cost of the commonwealth's projected share of group insurance premiums for the next fiscal year\$976,037,643

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 1120-4005 by striking out the figures "\$1,213,923" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— \$1,275,012

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 6000-0100 by adding at the end thereof the following words:— "provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of a grant to the Northampton Youth and Community Rowing Association" and by striking out the figures "\$5,027,253" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— \$5,077,253

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 6005-0015 by striking out the figures "\$51,437,200" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— \$51,937,200

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out item 6010-0001 and inserting in place thereof the following item:—

6010-0001 For personnel costs of the department of highways, for certain administrative and engineering expenses and equipment of the highways commission, the office of the commissioner of highways, the division of administrative services, highway engineering, highway maintenance, highway construction, the outdoor advertising board, district and other highway activity offices, materials, supplies, fleet maintenance and equipment, general maintenance and equipment and the maintenance and operation of state highways and bridges, and for the costs associated with the global positioning system program; provided, that no expenditures shall be made from the AA object code; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department may expend from capital authorizations amounts necessary to cover operational costs of the department in excess of amounts appropriated in this item to ensure that adequate staffing levels are maintained to support the services and programs offered by the department; provided further, that the department shall file quarterly reports with the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing all amounts expended on bond-funded capital projects under the jurisdiction of the department, and for all administrative and personnel expenses of the department charged to such bonds; provided further, that the reports shall be filed not later than 30 days after the end of

each quarter; provided further, that notwithstanding any administrative bulletin or general or special law to the contrary, the department shall not pay any fees charged for the leasing or maintenance of vehicles to the division of operational services; provided 30 36A of chapter further, that the department shall not be subject to section 7 of the General Laws, but shall 22 of chapter of the General Laws and section submit to the secretary of transportation for approval requests to repair 22 of said vehicles costing in excess of the limit set forth in said section 7; provided further, that \$30,000 shall be expended for a highway traffic study in Mendon; provided further, that the costs of routine highway maintenance chapter provided by private and union workers in contract areas 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, and 5C and for costs associated with police services and overtime within the areas shall be paid from this item; provided further, that \$90,000 shall be made available for all contractual contingency costs associated with highway maintenance in said areas; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a transportation pilot program in Hopedale; and provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing for each contract area expenditures for the costs of contractual contingency fees, personnel, police services, overtime, materials, and vehicle repairs.....\$17,925,022

Highway Fund 100.0%

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out item 7004-0099 and inserting in place thereof the following item:—

7004-0099 For the operation of the department of housing and community development; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department may make expenditures for the purposes of the department against federal grants for certain direct and indirect costs pursuant to a cost overhead allocation plan approved by the comptroller; provided further, that the comptroller shall maintain an account on the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system for the purpose of making such expenditures; provided further, that expenditures made against the account shall not be subject to appropriation and may include the cost of personnel; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the department of housing and community development may conduct annual verifications of household income levels based upon state tax returns for the purposes of administering the state and federal housing subsidy programs funded in items 7004-9005, 7004-9009, 7004-9014, 7004-9019, 7004-9020, 7004-9024, 7004-9030 and 7004-9033; provided further, that as a condition of eligibility or continued occupancy by an applicant or a tenant, said department may require disclosure of the social security number of an applicant or tenant and members of such applicant's or tenant's household for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that said department may deny or terminate participation in subsidy programs for failure by an applicant or a tenant to provide a social security number for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that said department

may also consult with the department of revenue, the department of transitional assistance or any other state or federal agency which it deems necessary to conduct such income verification; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, such state agencies shall consult and cooperate with said department and furnish any information in the possession of said agencies including, but not limited to, tax returns and applications for public assistance or financial aid; provided further, that for the purposes of conducting such income verification, the director of said department may enter into an interdepartmental service agreement with the commissioner of revenue to utilize the department of revenue's wage reporting and bank match system for the purpose of verifying the income and eligibility of participants in such federally assisted housing programs and that of members of the participants' households; provided further, that for the purposes of clarification only, notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1980, said department may authorize neighborhood housing services corporations to retain, re-assign, and reloan funds received in repayment of loans made pursuant to the neighborhood housing services rehabilitation program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be allocated for the Methuen – Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., so-called, in Springfield to prevent foreclosures, assist first-time home buyers, and to create jobs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Safe Neighborhood Initiative Pilot Program in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury and Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for Marlborough Community Development Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Turning Point Day Resource Center for the Homeless in the town of Wareham; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Indian Orchard Main Street Partnership; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Hungry Hill Development Corporation in the city of Springfield; provided further that \$61,200 shall be expended for the Worcester housing program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation's continued operation of a grant program to enhance housing quality standards; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of computer technology centers at the Commonwealth Housing Development, the Jackson Mann Community Center and the Power Up Center at Brighton High School; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for ABCD North End elderly program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Neighbors in Need in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$53,000 shall be expended for Food for the World Pantry; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for the Tuttle House facility in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for Bare Meadow in Reading; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to provide employment, training and

job placement by Year Up of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Heritage State Park located in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston; provided further that no less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Town of Braintree as a one-time community action grant for Thayer Public Library; provided further, not less than \$5,000 shall be provided for the historical gazebo in the Town of Auburn; provided further, that said office shall expend not less than \$150,000 per year in matching funds for three consecutive years to the Sturbridge Heritage and Preservation Partnership for the purpose of defining, developing and marketing Sturbridge and the surrounding region as a destination that preserves the essence of Massachusetts's past; provided that, Old Sturbridge Village shall coordinate and sustain said partnership; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Puerto Rican Cultural Center in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Mature Workers Program of the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society to establish educational programs, exhibits, and other establishments; provided further no less then \$25,000 shall be appropriated to the Sandwich Glass Museum for the purposes of promoting the education of the glass blowing industry in Massachusetts history; provided further that not less than \$100,000 be provided for maintenance on the Town Line Brook/Route 1 Tidal Gates in Revere; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Framingham Downtown Renaissance economic, tourism and cultural development programs; provided, that no less than \$85,000 shall be expended for Biotech incubator space within the Smart Growth District in Lynn; provided further that \$75,000 shall be expended as a fifty percent (50%) match for environmental projects in the Towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to The Boston Symphony Orchestra; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lincoln Perkins Project in Worcester; provided further, that \$75,000 shall be provided to World is Our Classroom, Inc. serving the towns of Holyoke, Westfield, Chicopee, and Greenfield; provided, that not less than \$150,000 be expended on the Cape Cod Regional Incubator Project to be operated by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce; provided further not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a hospital skill training program operated by the Commonwealth Corporation; provided, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the Wallace Civic Center and Planetarium in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that \$245,000 shall be provided to the town of Scituate for a pilot program for the community related to transportation; provided further, that not less than \$112,000 shall be expended for the maintenance of the Korean War Memorial of Central Massachusetts Walkway of Honor in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Boston Housing Authority for a program to provide certain tenant services for the West Broadway Task Force; provided further, that funds appropriated herein shall be obligated for expenditure by the West Broadway Task Force for the purposes of tenant services provided by said Task Force; and provided further, that funds appropriated herein shall not be expended by the Boston Housing Authority for discretionary purposes.\$11,661,116

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 6006-0003 by striking out the figures "\$419,533" and inserting in place thereof the following:— "\$469,533"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 7004-2475 by striking out the figures "\$2,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— "\$3,000,000"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 7004-9024 by striking out the figures "\$27,233,345" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— \$ 27,483,345

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out item 7004-3036 and inserting in place thereof the following item:—

7004-3036	For housing services and counseling; provided, that the grants shall be through a competitive application process under criteria created by the department; provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing detailing all expenditures of said program including for each regional housing consumer education center the total number of persons who received information and referral services, the costs for such services rendered per consumer and the identification of consumer issues and trends; provided further, that said department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than March 1, 2007 on possible savings and efficiencies through consolidation of said services and counseling; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that \$141,000 shall be expended for the Just A Start Corporation to administer a housing stabilization and conflict management services program to prevent homelessness; provided further, that not less than \$80,925 shall be expended for the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance Inc. Donations Clearinghouse Program.....	\$1,721,925
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And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 7004-9005 by inserting at the end thereof the following words:— "provided further, that said department shall expend not less than \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated herein to increase the non-utility allowable expense level caps, on housing authority operation budgets for elderly and family public housing, beginning with July 1 fiscal year operating budgets and thereafter on those housing authority operating budgets with fiscal years beginning October 1, January 1, and April 1" and by striking out the figures "\$43,113,590" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— "\$45,113,590"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 7004-9316 by striking out the figures "\$4,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— "\$5,000,000"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 9700-0000 by striking out the figures "\$6,970,895" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— "\$6,980,895"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 0950-0000 by striking out the figures "\$198,900" and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— "\$248,900"

And move to further amend the bill by adding at the end thereof the following sections:—

SECTION XXX. That a special commission, to consist of 13 persons, 1 of whom shall be the house chairman of the joint committee on public service who shall serve as co-chairman of the commission, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the house co-chairman upon the approval of the other commission members, who shall have professional expertise in the area of healthcare financing, 1 of whom shall be the senate chairman of the joint committee on public service who shall also serve as co-chairman of the commission, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate co-chairman upon the approval of the other commission members who shall have professional expertise in the area of public employee benefits, 1 of whom shall be the house chairman of the joint committee on health care financing, 1 of whom shall be the senate chairman of the joint committee on healthcare financing, the president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO or his designee, the president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association or his designee, the president of the Massachusetts SEIU or his designee, the president of the Retired State County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts or his designee, the executive director of the group insurance commission, and 1 person to be appointed by the governor, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to review public employee health benefits. The commission shall consider the range of benefits that are or should be provided as well as the current and anticipated future cost of providing them. The commission shall consider and may make recommendations on how best to divide the costs between the commonwealth. The commission shall also study the operation and structure of the group insurance commission.

The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the February 1, 2007.

SECTION XXX. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority shall give priority status to the design and construction of sound barrier projects which abut recent road widening activity.